AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising a steering wheel and a vibration damping device, said vibration damping device comprising: ~~A device for damping vibrations in a steering wheel, said device comprising~~

a damping means arranged in said steering wheel,

an attenuation mass mounted for vibration movement in said steering wheel and connected with said damping means, and

an electrical control unit coupled with said damping means,

said control unit being able to alter mechanical vibration characteristics of said device such that different vibration frequencies can be damped.

2. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said damping means is designed such that said mechanical vibration characteristics of said device can be altered by supplying electrical energy to said damping means.

3. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 1, wherein a sensor is provided, through which said control unit receives data regarding said vibrations of said steering wheel.

4. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 2, wherein said damping means comprises a material which alters ~~its~~ mechanical characteristics with said supply of electrical energy.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 4, wherein said material is an electrorheological fluid.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising a steering wheel and a vibration damping device, said vibration damping device comprising:

a damping means including a hollow damping body arranged in said steering wheel,

a mass core acting as an attenuation mass arranged inside said hollow damping body, and

an electrical control unit coupled with said damping means, said electrical control unit being able to alter mechanical vibration characteristics of said device such that different vibration frequencies can be damped. ~~The device according to claim 8, wherein said magnet is an electromagnet.~~

10. (Currently amended) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said hollow damping body is made of an elastic material. ~~The device according to claim 9, wherein said damping body contains an electrically conductive elastomer.~~

11. (Currently amended) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said hollow damping body is ring-shaped. ~~The device according to claim 9, wherein said damping body contains a magnetorheological fluid.~~

12. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said damping means ~~body~~ includes ~~is~~ a hollow body made of an elastic material.

13. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 12, wherein said hollow body is ring-shaped.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The assembly ~~device~~ according to Claim 12, wherein said hollow body contains one of an electrorheological and magnetorheological fluid.

16. (Currently amended) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said hollow damping body contains one of an electrorheological fluid and a magnetorheological fluid. ~~The device according to claim 1, wherein said attenuation mass is a gas generator.~~

17. (Canceled)